

It is that time of year to begin the TIER II reporting process. Companies must file annual chemical inventory reports (TIER II's) on hazardous chemicals they store on site above certain quantities. These reports are submitted to LEPC's, fire departments and the state Bureau of Homeland Security. The reports tell where the chemical is located in the facility, how much is stored, and who to contact in an emergency. This information will allow you to map these facilities and see where heavy concentrations of chemicals are located.

The capability is now available to receive electronic Tier II submissions in your jurisdiction. If you would like to participate, please create an e-mail address to receive them. As an example, the State of Idaho e-mail address for Tier II submissions is tier2@bhs.idaho.gov. If we receive the information from you before January 1, 2006, we will provide your Tier II e-mail address to the reporting parties on our web site. If you do not want to receive the Tier II's electronically, we will list only the name and address of the LEPC for your county. You may still receive some reports on paper as not all the reporting parties elect to use the electronic method.

Tier II Submit, the software to manage these electronic files, is available at no cost on the EPA website at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oswer/ceppoweb.nsf/content/tier2.htm>

If you have questions, or would like additional information or links, please refer to our website at <http://www.bhs.idaho.gov/agency/ops/tier2/tier22005.htm>, or call (208) 422-5761, or (208) 422-5723.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in making Idaho a safe place to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Halverson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of a vertical red line.

Mary Halverson
Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security